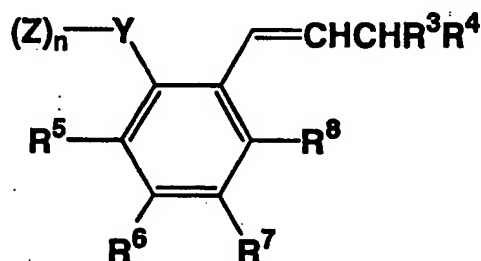


In the Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

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2. (New) A method of preparing ruthenium complexes with chelating carbene ligands comprising contacting a ruthenium or osmium carbene complex of the formula $X^1X^2L^1L^2M=CR^1R^2$ with an internal olefin ligand precursor of the formula:



wherein

X^1 and X^2 are each, independently, any anionic ligand;

L^1 and L^2 are each, independently, any neutral electron donor,

M is ruthenium;

R^1 and R^2 are each, independently, selected from hydrogen or a substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylcarboxylate, arylcarboxylate, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, aryloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, and trialkylsilyl; wherein each of the substituents is substituted or unsubstituted;

R^3 and R^4 are each, independently, selected from hydrogen or a substituent selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, C_2-C_{20} alkoxycarbonyl, and C_1-C_{20} trialkylsilyl, wherein each of the substituents is substituted or unsubstituted;

R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, aryloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, carbonyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl, nitrile, nitro, alkylsulfinyl, trihaloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, carboxylic acid, ketone, aldehyde, nitrate, cyano, isocyanate,

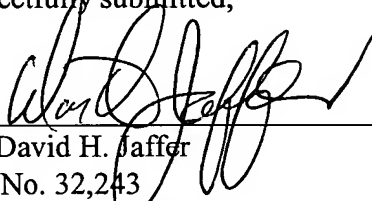
21 hydroxyl, ester, ether, amine, imine, amide, sulfide, disulfide, sulfonate, carbamate, silane,
22 siloxane, phosphine, phosphate, or borate;

23 Y is a heteroatom selected from the group oxygen (O), sulfur (S), nitrogen (N), or
24 phosphorus (P);

25 n is 1, in the case of a divalent heteroatom such as O or S, or 2, in the case of a trivalent
26 heteroatom such as N or P; and

27 Z is a group selected from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, functionalized alkyl, functionalized aryl
28 where the functional group(s) may independantly be one or more or the following: alkoxy,
29 aryloxy, halogen, carboxylic acid, ketone, aldehyde, nitrate, cyano, isocyanate, hydroxyl, ester,
30 ether, amine, imine, amide, sulfide, disulfide, carbamate, silane, siloxane, phosphine, phosphate,
31 or borate.

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